

**EPA Superfund
Record of Decision:**

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE (LANDFILL #4/SLUDGE
LAGOON)
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HOUSTON COUNTY, GA
03/29/1994**

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DECLARATION FOR THE INTERIM ACTION
RECORD OF DECISION

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS

Zone 1 Robins Air Force Base
Operable Unit 2, Impact on Wetlands
Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Decision Document presents the interim selected remedial action for O the Zone 1 Robins Air Force Base (AFB) Site, Houston County, Georgia chose accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Act (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act and to the extent practicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). This decision is based on the Administrative Record which is on the file in the Directorate of Environmental Management office Georgia 31098.

This interim remedial action is taken to protect human health and the environment threat, while final remedial solutions are being developed. The State of Georgia, USEPA concur with the selected interim remedy.

ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE

The wetlands associated with Zone 1, OU2 provide an important habitat for wetlands plant and animal species, and protection of the wetlands should be

high priority. Actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances from addressed by implementing the response action selected in this Interim Record of Decision (ROD), may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to public welfare or the environment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Zone 1 Robins AFB site is divided into three operable units. Operable addresses Landfill No. 4 and the Sludge Lagoon and comprises source control Unit 2 (OU2) is a phase to determine the degree of impact that has occurred downgradient wetlands area (east and southeast of Landfill No. 4). Operable addresses the groundwater beneath and adjacent to Landfill No. 4 and the S The scope of this ROD is limited to OU2.

The selected interim remedy for OU2, limited action, includes the following

Institutional controls (i.e., fence construction to restrict for future site access and water use restrictions)

Comprehensive monitoring for a minimum of one year not to exceed years in support of physical/chemical and ecological/biologic plans to be developed to monitor stabilization of the site for runoff discharge around the landfill and diversion of industrial discharge from upgradient of the landfill and wetlands, so that action can be developed from the current and expected future

Development of a contingency plan that describes containment implemented in the event that predetermined "trigger values"

Both the physical and chemical characteristics of the wetlands may have been the collection of data used to determine the need for remediation. The problem was caused by two events. One event was the redirection of runoff from a 400-foot stream through the landfill to around the landfill.

The second event was the completion of a pipeline that now routes approximately 100,000 gallons a day of domestic and industrial wastewater directly to the Ocmulgee River. The monitoring program is to evaluate the expected changes so that the final remedy is developed to address the current/future conditions.

STATUTORY DETERMINATION

This interim action is protective of human health and the environment, and meets the State Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements for this limited action. It is cost-effective. This action is interim and is not intended to provide for alternative treatment or recovery technologies, to the maximum extent practicable for OU2. Because the action will not constitute the final remedy for OU2, the preference for remedies that employ treatment that reduces toxicity, mobilization, and containment of the principal element will be addressed by the final response action. Subsequent

planned to address fully the threats posed by the conditions at OU2. Because this is an interim action ROD, review of this site and this remedy will result in hazardous substances remaining on site above health-based levels. The remedy will be conducted to ensure that the remedy continues to provide adequate protection to human health and the environment within five years after commencement of the remedy. Because this is an interim action ROD, review of this site and this remedy will result in hazardous substances remaining on site above health-based levels. The Air Force continues to develop remedial alternatives for OU2.

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DECISION SUMMARY

1.0 SITE NAME, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Robins AFB is an active facility occupying 8,855 acres about 18 miles south of Macon, Georgia (Figure 1). Robins AFB is bounded on the immediate west by the City of Macon, on the north by a housing subdivision in Houston County, on the south by the unincorporated Bonaire, and on the east by the Ocmulgee River and its floodplain.

The Zone 1, Robins AFB, National Priority List (NPL) site is located in the southeast corner of the base. Zone 1 consists of Landfill No. 4, which covers 45 acres, an 11-acre sludge lagoon (Figure 2). The study area associated with OU2 is located in the southeast of Landfill No. 4 (Figure 2).

Zone 1 is located adjacent to a bluff that forms the western boundary of the floodplain. The floodplain extends about 1 to 2 miles eastward to the river. The floodplain was originally constructed by disposing of fill material into the floodplain from the bluff and advancing to the east. The sludge lagoon was constructed along the western boundary of Landfill No. 4 by excavating and building earthen dikes. Surface water at Robins AFB generally drains from west to east into the Ocmulgee River floodplain.

2.0 SITE HISTORY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Robins AFB currently serves as a worldwide logistics management center for missiles and support systems, and is a major repair center for aircraft and avionics systems.

Robins AFB has generated various types of solid wastes over the years, including hazardous wastes. The hazardous wastes include electroplating wastes containing heavy metals and cyanide, organic solvents from cleaning operations and fire training wastes, and off-specification chemicals such as pesticides.

In 1982, Robins AFB conducted a base-wide survey to identify and assess past and present waste disposal practices. Disposal areas were grouped into eight zones based on location and type of disposal activity. Zone 1 (Landfill No. 4 and the Sludge Lagoon) was considered to have the highest potential for migration of hazardous substances. In 1980, Landfill No. 4 was placed on the CERCLA NPL by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Landfill No. 4 reportedly operated from 1965 until 1978 for disposal of military and industrial wastes. The Sludge Lagoon was used for disposal of industrial and

treatment plant sludges and other liquid wastes from 1962 to 1978. The La Sludge Lagoon were both closed and covered with clean fill in 1978.

In June of 1989, Robins AFB entered into a Federal Facilities Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the EPA to establish a plan, framework and schedule for developing, implementing, and monitoring appropriate actions at the site in accordance with CERCLA, the NCP, Superfund guidance and the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act (GHWMA).

The initial remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) for Zone 1 was completed in 1991. The initial RI focused primarily on the sludge lagoon and Landfill No. 4, organic and inorganic contamination in groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil.

The initial FS focused primarily on Zone 1 under OU1. The remedial action goals were to protect human health and described in the FS study and ROD under OU1 and implement source control.

A supplemental RI was performed and completed in 1992 to further assess the risks associated with the site as it relates to the study area associated with the sludge lagoon and Landfill No. 4.

The following reports describe the results of investigations at Zone 1, OU2:

HAZWRAP, U.S. Air Force Installation Restoration Program, Supplemental Remedial Investigation, Zone 1, Operable Unit 2. Robins AFB, November 1992.

HAZWRAP, U.S. Air Force Installation Restoration Program, Feasibility Study, Zone 1, Operable Unit 2. Robins AFB, July 1993.

3.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The RI for the Robins AFB Zone 1 OU2 impact on wetlands was released to the public in November 1992, and the FS in July 1993. The Proposed Plan was released on August 1993 for public comment. These documents were made available to the public through the Robins AFB Environmental Information System (EIS).

Administrative Record located at the Directorate of Environmental Management and at the Environmental Information Repository at the Nola Brantley Memorial Warner Robins. The notice of availability of these documents was published in the Telegraph and the Daily Sun. A public comment period was held from August through September 29, 1993. A public meeting for OU2 was held on September 29, 1993. At this meeting, representatives of Robins AFB, EPA, and the GEPD answered questions about the site and the remedial alternatives under consideration. A transcript of the meeting can be reviewed at the information repository.

The Proposed Plan identified the preferred interim remedy for the area as Alternative 2, from the FS (see Section 4); use of institutional controls and water use restrictions, and a Comprehensive Monitoring Program that will determine the stability of the site. Robins AFB, EPA, and GEPD reviewed and responded to verbal comments submitted during the public comment period. Upon review of comments, it was determined that significant changes to the Proposed Plan remedy were not necessary.

4.0 SCOPE AND ROLE OF OPERABLE UNIT 2

The overall strategy of Zone 1 is divided into three operable units. The action selected in this ROD is applicable to OU2.

OU2 is directed at determining the degree of impact that may have occurred in the area and surface waters from the known source of contamination in OU1 and the impacts identified. OU1 addresses Landfill No. 4 and the Sludge Lagoon source control. OU3 is directed at determining the degree of impact that may occur in the groundwater beneath and adjacent to Landfill No. 4 and the Sludge Lagoon remediation of impacts identified.

The overall goals of the selected interim remedy for the area associated w

Protect existing habitat

Minimize the potential direct exposure of the public and base person substances

Monitor water balance stabilization of the site following redirectio discharge and diversion of industrial wastewater discharge.

These goals would be achieved by the use of institutional controls for fut water use restrictions. In addition, the comprehensive monitoring program evaluate changes to the site caused by the completion of a runoff diversio redirects runoff from a 400-acre watershed from through the landfill to ar and the completion of a pipeline that routes 2 million gallons a day of in the Ocmulgee River that had formerly been discharged through the wetlands. information can be used to develop a final action for the site which addre future conditions.

5.0 SUMMARY OF SITE CHARACTERISTICS

5.1 SUMMARY OF ZONE 1 HYDROLOGY

The local topography, soils, and climate determine how water moves through 1 of the Robins AFB is located on the western edge of the floodplain of th (Figure 2). The floodplain in Zone 1 is a low flat region covered by wetl water. The surface and groundwater flow across Zone 1 is generally to the Horse Creek, a south-flowing tributary of the Ocmulgee River, and to the O The Zone 1 wetland soils consist of approximately 6 ft of saturated organi

underlain by a layer of clay ranging in thickness up to approximately 10 ft. The clay layer is thought to restrict water flow beneath the alluvial aquifer, and to cause the alluvial aquifer to exist under unconfined conditions. Landfill No. 4 and sludge lagoon were placed on the western edge of the floodplain wetland deposits. Fill materials associated with the landfill and comprise the surficial fill aquifer unit.

The western edge of the Ocmulgee River floodplain is defined by a relative 10 ft. increase in elevation along the southern, western, and northern boundaries. Upland areas adjacent to the Ocmulgee River floodplain consist of sand, gravel, and clay layers of the Providence Formation. Portions of these upland areas adjacent to the floodplain are within the topographic basin that drains into the Zone 1 wetlands. The Zone 1 wetlands are therefore, the hydrologic sink or receptor area for the topographically high drainage basin.

The Robins AFB is located in a humid, temperate region characterized by high humidity. Average annual precipitation at the base is 44.9 in., with an estimated evapotranspiration of approximately 38.4 in. per year. The difference between precipitation

and evapotranspiration, approximately 6.5 in. per year, results in a large quantity of water being available for recharge to the groundwater and surface water systems. Urbanization and development associated with base activities in the uplands portion of the Zone 1 drainage basin have resulted in a predominance of paved areas. The decrease in vegetation in the upland areas reduces evapotranspiration losses while the impervious surfaces prevent recharge of the groundwater system. The result is that in the developed portion of the Zone 1 drainage basin, most of the precipitation that falls will flow via surface runoff into the Zone 1 wetlands and through the Zone 1 wetlands.

Most of the surface water runoff that leaves the upland areas of the Zone concentrated into several storm sewers, which discharge at numerous locations along the eastern edge. The remainder of the surface water entering Zone 1 flows directly into Little Creek from north of Zone 1, east of the Base runways.

Hannah Road and Lights Service Road traverse portions of Zone 1 (Figure 2) and significantly influence surface water flow in the area. The roads are built on embankments of impervious material that restrict the flow of surface water across Zone 1. Surface water located in the western portion of Zone 1 west of Hannah Road leaves the area primarily through two culverts located under Hannah Road. Surface water present in the wetlands west of the overland flow structures tend to flow toward the structures. Rates of flow near the entrance to the structures would therefore be expected to be higher than would surface water further away from these control structures.

Groundwater is present in Zone 1 in several aquifer units. Although flow rates in the aquifers is low compared to surface water flow, the aquifer units exhibit elevated contaminant concentrations and may therefore contain a majority of the contamination that is present in Zone 1. The important aquifers include the surficial fill aquifer and the Providence Formation. Beneath the Providence Formation aquifer is the Blufftown Clay Formation and Blufftown Aquifer.

The surficial fill aquifer exists in Landfill No. 4, the sludge lagoon, and is associated with the Hannah and Lights Service road embankments, where artificial wetlands have been placed into the wetlands peat and clay deposits. A schematic cross-section of Zone 1 showing assumed groundwater flow directions and interactions is shown in Figure 3.

The alluvial gravel aquifer is present under the peat and clay deposits that

floodplain area in Zone 1 except for the west portion of the landfill. Gr consistently to the east. Water levels in wells penetrating this aquifer the aquifer surface, indicating that the aquifer is under semi-confined co alluvial gravel deposits, like the clay and peat layers above it, decrease the west and disappear along the western edge of the Ocmulgee River floodpl Cross sections compiled from existing borehole data suggest that the peat, gravel deposits all disappear somewhere beneath the western portion of Lan Beneath the alluvial gravel aquifer is the Providence Formation. This geo across the entire site and comprises the upland surface immediately west o groundwater flow in this aquifer is also toward the east. Based on limite component of flow between the alluvial gravel and Providence Formation aqu Zone 1 appears to be generally upward toward the alluvial gravel aquifer t The landfill solids and surficial fill aquifer may be in direct hydraulic the Providence aquifer in the western portion of the landfill, where the in clay, and alluvial gravel deposits are thin or absent. The alluvial aquif of the landfill where vertical gradients in the providence are downward.

5.2 AQUATIC BIOLOGY

Macroinvertebrate sampling conducted during the Zone 1, OU2 RI field inves demonstrated that stations located downgradient generally exhibit greater and larger populations than upgradient stations. The results of a Rapid B

Protocol III analysis conducted for the OU2 RI showed some locations in bo downgradient areas demonstrate nonimpairment while others are severely imp

5.3 WETLAND ECOLOGY

Vegetation surveys conducted during the Zone 1, OU2 RI field investigation numerous vegetative zones and habitats and a diverse flora associated with emergent wetlands, and mature bottomland hardwood forest. Potentially occ threatened and endangered species in the OU2 study area include dwarf witc catchers, hooded pitcher-plant, sweet pitcher-plant, and Florida willow.

5.4 WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

A breeding bird survey conducted during the Zone 1, OU2 RI field investiga significant differences or trends in the types of species observed in the areas. The survey showed that there are numerous species present that are healthy bottomland forest ecosystems. Results are summarized on Table 1. occurring threatened and endangered species in the OU2 study area include alligator, Bald eagle, Florida panther, and Wood stork.

5.5 EVALUATION OF CONTAMINANT SOURCES

The OU2 field investigations were designed to collect information necessar relationship between compounds detected in the wetlands and compounds pres Landfill No. 4 and sludge lagoon. The site conceptual flow model indicate flow through Zone 1 is surface water, and that a majority of the surface w Zone 1 originates from sources hydrologically upgradient of the Zone 1 stu

TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF BREEDING BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED
RI/FS ZONE 1, OU2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Northern Bobwhite	<i>Circus virginianus</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Chimney Swift	<i>Cohaetura pelagica</i>
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Common Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
Great-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>

TABLE 1 (Cont.)

SUMMARY OF BREEDING BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED
RI/FS ZONE 1, OU2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Eastern Wood Peewee	Contous virens
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Steigidopteryx serripenn
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata
American (Common) Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Fish Crow	Corvus ossifragus
Tufted Titmouse	Parus bicolor
Carolina Chickadee	Parus carolinensis
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus ludovicianus
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis
Wood Thrush	Hylocichia mustelina
American Robin	Turdus migratorius
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris
White-eyed Vireo	Vireo griseus
Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus

TABLE 1 (Cont.)
SUMMARY OF BREEDING BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED
RI/FS ZONE 1, OU2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Prothontaria citrea</i>
Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>
Black and White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>
Prairie Warbler	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Pendroica petechia</i>
Kentucky Warbler	<i>Oporornis formosus</i>
Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>
Swainson's Warbler	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Octeroa virens</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Easten Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>

Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

Brown-headed Cowbird

Molothrus ater

Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula

TABLE 1 (Cont.)
SUMMARY OF BREEDING BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED
RI/FS ZONE 1, OU2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Scarlet Tanager

Piranga olivacea

Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra

Double-crested Cormorant

Phalacrocorax auritus

Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga

Wood duck

Aix sponsa

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Green Heron

Butorides striatus

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus varius

Song Sparrow

Melospiza melodia

White Ibis

Eudocimus albus

Little Blue Heron

Egretta Caerulea

American Red start

Setophaga ruticilla

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Pheucticus ludovicianus

Northern Harrier

Circus cyaneus

Red-shouldered Hawk

Buteo lineatus

Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo platypterus

boundaries. The following surface water, aquatic sediment, or wetland soi
were determined to be located hydraulically upgradient of the landfill and

not effected by Zone 1 contaminants.

CDM Sample Sites:	S1, S2, S3, S9, S10, S14, SR
CH2M HILL Sites:	BCG-SED-01, -02, -03
	BCG-SW-01, -02, -03, LF27

At most sample sites, more than one type of sample (e.g., surface water, soil, biota samples) were collected. Refer to Figures 4 and 5 for sample Figure 6 illustrates the CH2M Hill background samples. The site conceptua suggests that the surficial fill aquifer, located beneath the landfill and discharges water laterally into the wetlands surface water or peat deposit of the landfill, and also vertically into the underlying alluvial gravel a Formation aquifers along the western margins of the floodplain. Groundwat gravel and Providence Formation aquifers is likely to be isolated from the east of the landfill due to the presence of an extensive clay layer.

Summaries of detected compounds for all samples were used to evaluate pote areas. Listings of both the number of detections and the maximum detected were compiled separately for upgradient and downgradient sample population groundwater, surface water, and sediment results. Wetland soil sample res with sediment results for this evaluation. The individual lists were then tables based on media type. Table 2 lists the summary results for all liq including landfill and sludge lagoon leachate, groundwater, and surface wa the summary results for all solids media samples, including sludge lagoon samples, landfill surface soil (listed as Landfill soils), and sediment/so detected in any of the listed sample media were included on both Tables 2 the evaluation of potential source areas.

TABLE 2

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN LIQUID MEDIA

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN SURFACE WATER AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM		SOURCE AREA LEACHATE*				GROUNDW	
ORGANIC		SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL		UPGRADIENT	
UPGRADIENT	DOWNGRADIENT	FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC	
CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC
1,1-DICHLOROETHANE		6/9	300	2/15	11		6
1,1-DICHLOROETHENE		2/9	100	1/15	1.2		3
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE		1/9	130	5/15	33	1/7	2
1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE		1/9	59				
1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE							
1,2-DICHLOROBENZENE		2/5	28000				
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE		1/9	620				4
1,2-DICHLOROETHENE (1,2-DCE)		6/9	36000	3/15	31		
1,2-DICHLOROETHENE (TOTAL)							27
21.00							
1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE							1
1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE							
1,3-DICHLOROBENZENE		2/5	950				
1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE (CIS)							1
1,4-DICHLOROBENZENE		2/5	13000	3/5	120		
1,4-PENTADIENS, 2,3,4-TRIMET							
11H-CYCLOPENTA(A)PHENANTHREN							
1H-INDENE, OCTAHYDRO-2,3A,4-							
2-BUTANONE		4/9	890	3/15	120		1
2-FURANMETHANOL, 5-ETHENYLTE							
2-HEXANONE				1/15	8.2		2
2-METHYLNAPHTHALENE							
2,4-DIMETHYLPHENOL		3/8	11000				
3,4-BENZOFLUOPANTHENE							
3-HEXENE-2,5-DIONE							
4,4'-DDD		4/5	12	3/3	7		
4,4'-DDE		2/5	0.26	3/3	5		
4,4'-DDT		4/5	8	2/3	0.1		
4-CLORO-3-METHYLPHENOL							
4-METHYL-2-PENTANONE		2/9	650	1/15	6.6	1/7	56 5

1/5 15

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN LIO

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TABLE 2 (Cont.)

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN LIQUID MEDIA

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN		SOURCE AREA LEACHATE*				GROUND	
SURFACE WATER							
EAST ONE MEDIUM							
ANIC		SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL		UPGRADIENT	
UPGRADIENT	DOWNGRADIENT						
POUND (in ug/l)		FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC	F
CONC FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	MAX CONC					
OLE (VAN)							
SOL-O		3/7	2200				
SOL-M,P		3/7	7900	4/14	170		
OHEXANE ISOMER							
OHEXANOL, 2-BROMO-TRANS-(
NZO(a,h) ANTHRIACENE							
TYL PHTHALATE		1/5	550				
BUTYLPHTHALATE							
OCTYLPHTHALATE							
NZOFURAN							
OMOCHLOROMETHANE							
LORO-CYCLOHEXANE ISOMER							
ORIN		2/5	0.02			1/7	0.18
HYL PHTHALATE							
IMETHYL-4-NAPHTHALENE							
THYL PHTHALALTE							
LBENZENE		5/9	410	7/15	6.3	2/11	6
RANTHENE				1/5	21		
RENE				1/5	17		
ACHLOR							
NO(1,2,3-CD)PYRENE							
METHANE							
ORNEOL(8CI)							
ANE, TOTAL (g-BHC)							
YLENE CHLORIDE		6/9	6000	9/15	110		73
12.00							
ROSODIPHENYLAMINE							
THALENE		2/5	560	4/5	30		
THALENE, 1,2,3,4,4A,5,6							
THALENE, 1,2,3,4-TETRAHY							
THALENE, 1,2,4A,5,6,8A-H							
DECANAL ISOMER							
1254		2/5	0.7	1/3	100		

TABLE 2 (Cont.)

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN LI

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN SURFACE WATER		SOURCE AREA LEACHATE*				GROUNDWATER	
AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM		SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL		UPGRADIENT	
UPGRADIENT	DOWNGRADIENT	FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC	
COMPOUND (in ug/l)		FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC
MAX CONC	FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC				
PCB-1260							
PENTACHLOROPHENOL		2/8	2.6	2/15	36		
PHENANTHRENE				1/5	37		
PHENOL		4/8	3600	8/15	49	1/1	1
PHENOL, 2,6-DIMETHOXY-4-(2-							
PYRENE				1/5	14		
STIGMAST-4-EN-3-ONE							
STYRENE							
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE		4/9	1100	1/15	3.2	1/7	29
TOLUENE		6/9	2200	9/15	33	2/11	34
TRICHLOROETHYLENE		6/9	130000	4/15	8.1	7/7	880
23/38	52.00						
TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE		1/8	5100				
VINYL CHLORIDE		5/9	12000	3/15	12		
XYLENES (TOTAL)		6/9	2200	9/15	26	3/7	49

TABLE 2 (Cont.)

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN LIQUID

WATER		SOURCE AREA LEACHATE*				GROUNDWATER*	
		SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL		UPGRADIENT	DOWNG
UPGRADIENT	DOWNGRADIENT	FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC		FREQ. MAX CONC	FREQ.
TALS (in ug/l)		FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC
FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC				
UMINUM						9/11	7100
TIMONY							46/46
SENIC		6/6	21000	14/14	13000	1/11	8
RIUM		6/6	1600	14/14	4200	7/8	98
RYLLIUM		4/6	80	8/14	22		104/104
RON							9/104
DMIUM		6/6	34800	14/14	9300	1/11	7.3
LCIUM						9/9	18800
ROMIUM		6/6	13163000	14/14	66000	2/11	63
272.94							39/101
BALT							4/46
PPER		6/6	10600	13/14	3600		45/101

ANIDE	4/6	320	7/14	574			9/101
ON					8/9	5400	46/46
AD	5/6	60000	14/14	10400	6/11	28	67/101
GNESIUM					7/9	1310	46/46
NGANESE					10/11	40.7	36/46
RCURY	6/6	85	14/14	880	5/11	0.9	20/101
CKEL	6/6	15000	14/14	1300	2/11	17.8	28/101
TASSIUM					7/9	1970	43/46
LENIUM	2/6	40	9/14	23	1/11	30	5/101
VER	4/6	80	12/14	40			3/101
DIUM					4/9	5950	40/46
LFIDE			10/11	7000			11/46
LFUR, MOL. (S8)							
ALLIUM	1/6	5	3/14	6			3/101
NADIUM					3/9	2320	13/46
C	6/6	64400	14/14	60000	8/11	55.2	96/101

NOTES:

= Not Analyzed.

Blank spaces indicate compound was analyzed for but not detected.

Data from CH2M HILL, 1990.

TABLE 3

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN SOLIDS ME

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN				SOURCE AREA*			
AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM							
ORGANIC							
DOWNGRADIENT							
COMPOUND (ug/kg)							
MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC		FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX C
1,1-DICHLOROETHANE	3/23	260					
1,1-DICHLOROETHENE	1/23	3					
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE							
1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE	2/23	400					
1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE				1/14	1.40		
1,2-DICHLOROBENZENE	3/11	1700000		1/5	110		
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	1/23	70					
1,2-DICHLOROETHENE (1,2-DCE)	9/23	100000					
1,2-DICHLOROETHENE (TOTAL)							
1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE							
1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	1/11	52000					
1,3-DICHLOROBENZENE	3/11	58000					
1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE (CIS)							
1,4-DICHLOROBENZENE	4/11	690000		2/5	600	1/13	9
1,4-PENTADIENS, 2,3,4-TRIMET							
11H-CYCLOPENTA[A]PHENANTHREN							
1H-INDENE, OCTAHYDRO-2,3A,4-							

2-BUTANONE	6/23	3100	3/14	1100	
2-FURANMETHANOL, 5-ETHENYLTE					
2-HEXANONE			2/14	1400	
2-METHYLNAPHTHALENE					
2,4-DIMETHYLPHENOL	2/23	120000			
3,4-BENZOFLUORANTHENE					
3-HEXENE-2,5-DIONE					
4,4'-DDD	3/4	930	1/2	2	
4,4'-DDE	3/4	200	1/2	2	
4,4'-DDT	3/4	240	1/2	1	1/13
4-CHLORO-3-METHYLPHENOL	1/23	460			
4-METHYL-2-PENTANONE			1/14	21	
ACENAPHTHENE	1/11	200	2/15	3800	
ACENAPHTHYLENE					

TABLE 3 (Cont.)

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN SOLIDS MED

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM			SOURCE AREA*			
ORGANIC			SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL	
DOWNGRADIENT					LANDFILL SO	
COMPOUND (ug/kg)	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX C
MAX CONC FREQ. MAX CONC						
ACETONE	4/8	630	5/7	2100	2/13	3
ALDRIN	1/4	2.6				
ANTHRACENE	2/11	600	1/5	6400		
AZULENE, 1,4-DIMETHYL-7-(1-M						
BENZENE	5/23	2800	2/14	1.7		
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	2/11	2700	2/5	300		
BENZO(A)PYRENE	2/11	2200	3/5	400		
BENZO(G,H,I)PERYLENE	2/11	1300	1/5	200		
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	2/11	2700	3/5	400	1/13	1
790.00						
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	2/11	1600	1/5	300		
2000.00						
BENZOIC ACID					1/13	2
BENZYL ALCOHOL						
BICYCLO[2.2.1]HEPTAN-2-OL,1						
BICYCLO[2.2.1]HEPTAN-2-ONE						
BIS(2-CHLOROISOPROPYL)ETHER						
BIS(1,1-DIMETHYLETHYL)PHENOL						
BIS(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE	3/11	76000	3/5	4300	5/13	5
17/64 16000.00						
BORNEOL (8CI)						
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE						
BUTYLBENZYLPHTHALATE	2/11	7100	1/5	600	12/13	2
72.00						
CAMPHENE (DOT) (8CI)						

CARBON DISULFIDE	1/23	3	1/14	2	
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE					
CARYOPHYLLENE (VAN)					
CHLORDANE (TECHNICAL)	3/4	8500	2/2	940	
CHLORDANE, ALPHA					1/13
CHLORDANE, GAMMA					1/13
CHLOROBENZENE	8/23	20000	2/14	11	2/13
220.00					
CHLOROETHANE					
CHLOROFORM	6/23	17000	1/14	2	
CHLOROMETHANE					

TABLE 3 (Cont.)

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN			SOURCE AREA*					
AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM								
ORGANIC			SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL		LANDFILL SOI	
DOWNGRADIENT								
COMPOUND (ug/kg)			FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX C
MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC						
CHRYSENE			2/11	3100	3/5	300		
CINEOLE (VAN)								
CRESOL-O			2/21	13000				
CRESOL-M,P			2/21	50000	4/13	1800	1/13	
CYCLOHEXANE ISOMER								
CYCLOHEXANOL, 2-BROMO-TRANS-(
DIBENZO(a,h) ANTHRACENE			2/11	400				
DIBUTYL PHTHALATE			2/11	35000	2/5	3100	13/13	6
DI-N-BUTYLPHTHALATE								
DI-N-OCTYLPHTHALATE								
DIBENZOFURAN								
DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE								
DICHLORO-CYCLOHEXANE ISOMER								
DIELDRIN			2/4	200	1/2	1		
DIETHYL PHTHALATE			1/11	600	1/5	170	13/13	1
1,6-DIMETHYL4-NAPHTHALENE								
DIMETHYL PHTHALALTE								
ETHYLBENZENE			8/23	5600	4/14	14	2/13	
FLUORANTHENE			5/11	4800	3/5	1500		
FLUORENE			1/11	200	1/5	3100		
HEPTACHLOR			1/4	2				
INDENO(1,2,3-CD)PYRENE			2/11	1400	1/5	200		
IODOMETHANE								
ISOBORNEOL (8CI)								
UNDANE, TOTAL (g-BHC)								
METHYLENE CHLORIDE			6/7	950	2/2	130	13/13	1
250.00								
N-NITROSODIPHENYLAMINE								

COMPOUND (ug/kg)

MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC
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CHRYSENE

CINEOLE (VAN)

CRESOL-0

CRESOL-M, P

CYCLOHEXANE ISOMER

CYCLOHEXANOL, 2-BROMO-TRANS- (

DIBENZO(a,h) ANTHRACENE

DIBUTYL PHTHALATE

DI-N-BUTYLPHTHALATE

DI-N-OCTYLPH

DIBENZOFURAN

DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE

DICHLORO

DIELDRIN

DIETHYL PHTHALATE

1,6-DIMETHYL4-NAPHT.

DIMETHYL

ETHYLBENZENE

FLUORANTHENE

FLUORENE
HYDRAZINE

HEPTACHLOR
INDENO(1,2,3-CD)PYRENE

INDENO(1,2,
10DROMETHANE

IGORBORNEOL (8GT)

INDANE TOTAL (g. BUC)

UNDANE, TOTAL (9-B.
METHYLENE CHLORIDE

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N-NITROSODIPHENYLAMINE

NAPHTHALENE	6/11	80000	3/5	2100
NAPHTHALENE, 1,2,3,4,4A,5,6				
NAPHTHALENE, 1,2,3,4-TETRAHY				
NAPHTHALENE,1,2,4A,5,6,8A-H				

TABLE 3 (Cont.)

DETECTIONS OF ANALYTES IN SOLIDS MEDIA

COMPOUNDS DETECTED IN AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM			SOURCE AREA*			
ORGANIC			SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL	
DOWNGRADIENT					LANDFILL SOILS	
COMPOUND (ug/kg)	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CON
MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC				
OCTADECANAL ISOMER						
PCB-1254	2/4	2500	1/2	500		
PCB-1260	1/4	36.0				
PENTACHLOROPHENOL						
PHENANTHRENE	3/11	2900	4/5	5800		
PHENOL	2/23	18000	3/14	200		
PHENOL,2,6-DIMETHOXY-4-(2-						
PYRENE	3/11	3600	3/5	1000		
STIGMAST-4-EN-3-ONE						
STYRENE						
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	5/23	59000				
TOLUENE	13/23	20000	5/14	43	13/13	250
TRICHLOROETHYLENE	3/23	2500000				
TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE	1/21	68000				
VINYL CHLORIDE	1/23	110				
XYLENES (TOTAL)	8/23	38000	7/14	110	1/13	4

TABLE 3 (Cont.)

			SOURCE AREA*			
			SLUDGE LAGOON		LANDFILL	
DOWNGRADIENT					LANDFILL SOILS	
METALS (mg/kg)	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC
CONC	FREQ.	MAX CONC				
ALUMINUM					13/13	7870
ANTIMONY					2/13	5.8
ARSENIC	22/23	45	14/14	12	5/13	1.9
BARIUM	23/23	387	14/14	202	13/13	57.3

BERYLIUM	6/23	1.00	1/14	0.29		
BORON						
CADMIUM	20/23	599	13/14	15	1/13	18.7
CALCIUM					13/13	3470
CHROMIUM	23/23	6419	14/14	52	12/13	153
COBALT					8/13	3.5
COPPER	23/23	722	12/14	55	12/13	33.4
CYANIDE						
IRON					13/13	7230
LEAD	22/23	972	14/14	155	13/13	122
MAGNESIUM					13/13	2000
MANGANESE					13/13	121
MERCURY	14/23	1.1	10/14	0.1		
NICKEL	20/23	203	11/14	8	2/13	6.1
PH						
POTASSIUM						
SELENIUM	4/23	0.6	5/14	0.7		
SILVER	14/23	45	7/14	6	1/13	4.3
SODIUM					13/13	57.2
SULFIDE						
SULFUR, MOL. (S8)						
THALIUM	1/23	0.76				
VANADIUM					13/13	18.7
ZINC	23/23	1091	14/14	457	12/13	124

NOTES:

NA = Not Analyzed.

Blank spaces indicate compound was analyzed for but not detected.

* Data from CH2M Hill, 1990.

The general trends in compound concentrations downgradient of the landfill lagoon are consistent with the conceptual model of flow presented previous present in the shallow fill aquifer within the landfill and sludge lagoon laterally, discharging directly into the wetlands peat and surface water, the underlying alluvial gravel and Providence Formation aquifers. Due to content of the wetlands peat deposits, it is expected that organic compound shallow fill groundwater would be adsorbed within a short distance from the sludge lagoon. DDE and dieldrin are present in wetland soil samples (Figure) relatively high concentrations in a band parallel to the downgradient edge contrast, metals compounds are present in a more widespread distribution within wetlands. This may be due to slightly acidic conditions present within the

enhances metals mobility, and because adsorption onto organic matter is no attenuating mechanism for metals as it is for organic compounds. Figures approximate areal extent of contamination above remediation levels in wetland aquatic sediment in the study area for dieldrin, mercury, and metals. Table a summary of criteria used to select chemicals of concern for the ecological

A total of 136 chemicals, 109 organics and 27 inorganics, were detected in compounds had the highest detected values within a sample media in upgradient total of 121 chemicals detected at downgradient locations were determined attributable to Landfill No. 4 and the sludge lagoon. Further analysis revealed that 25 of the chemicals detected in downgradient surface water and 32 of detected in downgradient soil/sediment were not present in landfill or sludge area samples. Further, many of these chemicals were detected only once or compounds detected only in downgradient sampling locations are considered naturally occurring or are degradation products from some of the compounds Zone 1 landfill and sludge lagoon.

TABLE 4

SUMMARY OF CRITERIA USED TO SELECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN FOR ECOLOGICAL

RISK ASSESSMENT

SURFACE WATER
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical	Maximum Downgradient Concentration (æg/L)	AWQCa Acute/Chronic (æg/L)	GWQCa æg/L	Bio
ORGANICS				
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate Retain-Maximum concentration is	120.0	940/3	5.92f	
AWQC.				
Chloroform Omit-Maximum concentration is well	26.0	28,900/1,240	470.8f	
bioconcentrtion is				
1,2-Dichloroethene Omit-Maximum concentration is three	21.0	11,600/NAc	NA	
Dieldrin Retain-Maximum concentration is above	0.08	2.5/0.0019	0.0019g	
bioconcentration				
Phenol Omit-Maximum concentration is well	23.0	10,200/2,560	NA	
Toluene Omit-Maximum concentration is well	30.0	17,500/NA	301,941f	
occur.				
INORGANICS				
Arsenic concentration an order of	14.41	360/190	50g	
AWQC, and				

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TABLE 4

SUMMARY OF CRITERIA USED TO SELECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

SURFACE WATER
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical	Maximum Downgradient Concentration (µg/L)	AWQCa Acute/Chronic (µg/L)	GWQCe µg/L	Bioconcentra Potentia
INORGANICS (Cont.)				
Barium likely be present in	678.09	NA/NA	NA	NA
Beryllium concentration is below the	1.20	130/5.3	0.117f	NA
Cadmium concentration is above	26.87	39/11	0.7g	High
Chromium (total) concentration is above	72.94	16/11	120g	Low
Lead concentration is well	318.0	34/1 3d	1.3g	Medium
Mercury (total) concentration is above		2.4/0.012	0.012g	High

GWQC.

TABLE 4

SUMMARY OF CRITERIA USED TO SELECT CHEMICALS OF CO
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

SURFACE WATER
RI/FS Zone 1, OU
Robins AFB, Geor

Chemical Decision	Maximum Downgradient Concentration (æg/L)	AWQCa Acute/Chronic (æg/L)	GWQCc æg/L	Bioconcent Potenti
INORGANICS (Cont.)				
Nickel concentration is less than	23.63	1,100/564	88g	Medium
Selenium concentration is below the known	1.04	260/35	5g	NA
Silver concentration is above	52.45	4.1/0.12	0.12g	NA
Zinc concentration is well	1,242.40	65/59d	60g	High

a Source: USEPA 1986a. Quality Criteria for Water 1986, EPA/440/5-86-001 O and Standards. Washington, D. C.

b Persistence/Mobility: Persistence is described by a qualitative estimate remain in the environment.

Mobility is described by a qualitative estimate of from its first site of deposition. For volatile compounds, no appreciable deposition may take place

c NA = Not Available

d Toxicity of this chemical is dependent on hardness. A mean hardness of 55 surface water samples used in bioassay tests, therefore, the AWQC reported is adjusted for a hardness of 50 mg/L (USEPA 1986a).

e Georgia Water Qualily Criteria (GDNR 1991)

f Annual Average Flow Criterion
g Low Flow Criterion

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TABLE 5

SUMMARY OF CRITERIA USED TO SELECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

SOIL AND SEDIMENT
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical species	Decision	Maximum Downgradient Concentration (mg/kg)	Potential Bioaccumulation	Persistence
ORGANICS				
2-Butanone		0.920	Low	Low/
Omit	USEPA 1976			
Carbon disulfide		0.530	Low	Low/
4,4'-DDD		9.0	High	High
Retain	IARC 1973			
4,4'-DDE		1.300	High	High
diet; Retain	Longcore & Samson 1973			
4,4'-DDT		51.0	High	High
pheasant Retain	Hunt et al. 1969			
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		0.21	Medium	Medium
Omit	Clayton & Clayton 1981-1982			
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		0.540	Medium	Medium
rabbit Omit	Gaines 1986			
1,2-Dichloroethene		0.170	Medium	Low/
inhalation; Omit	ACGIH 1986			
Dieldrin		2.90	High	High
Retain	Mendenhall et al. 1983			
Benzo(a)pyrene		2.30	High	High
Retain	IARC 1973			
Phthalates		0.550	Low	High
Omit	Krauskopf 1973			
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)		0.075	Low	Low/
inhalation; rat Omit	Clayton and Clayton			
Toluene		0.120	Low	Low/
1,1,1-Trichloroethane		0.031	Low	Low/

inhalation;	Omit	USA - 1981		
Trichloroethene		0.220	Low	Low/
rat	Omit	Verschuieren 1983		
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TABLE 5

SUMMARY OF CRITERIA USED TO SELECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

SOIL AND SEDIMENT
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical species	Decision	Maximum Downgradient Concentration (mg/kg) Reference	Potential Bioaccumulation	Persistence
INORGANICS				
Arsenic dog	Retain	69.0 Byron et al. 1967	Medium	High/Low
Barium		281.0	NA	High
Mercury Retain	Heinz 1974	1.30	High	High
Nickel Omit	Ambrose et al. 1976	0.117	NA	High
Selenium Retain	Herigstad et al. 1973	42.4	NA	High
Zinc Retain	Schlicker and Cox 1968	954.0	High	High

a Persistence/Mobility: Persistence is described by a qualitative estimate remain in the environment.

Mobility is described by a qualitative estimate of from its first site deposition. For volatile compounds, no appreciable deposition may take place.

- b LD30 = Lethal dose for 50% of the exposed organisms at a specific t
- c NA = Data Not Available
- d NOEL = No observed effect level
- e LOAEL = Lowest observed adverse effect level

f NOAEL = No observed adverse effect level

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5.6 CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN

The Baseline Risk Assessment (RA) conducted for the Zone 1 RI completed in 1992 identified the following contaminants of concern (COCs):

- Carbon Tetrachloride
- 1,2-Dichloroethene
- Tetrachloroethene
- Vinyl chloride
- Arsenic
- Cadmium
- Chromium
- Lead

The Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) conducted for the Zone 1, OU2 RI completed in 1992 identified the following contaminants of concern related to OU2 ecology:

Surface Water

- Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
- Dieldrin
- Cadmium
- Chromium
- Lead
- Mercury
- Silver
- Zinc

Soil/Aquatic Sediment

- Benzo(a)pyrene
- 4,4' DDD, DDE, DDT
- Dieldrin
- Arsenic
- Mercury
- Selenium
- Zinc

6.0 SUMMARY OF SITE RISKS

6.1 HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

A human health risk assessment was completed as part of the Zone 1 RI in 1 human health risk assessment identified two potential current human exposures estimated the risk associated with each. These two exposure pathways are inhalation of contaminated dust particles and volatile organic compounds for trespassers and offsite residents and ingestion of contaminated soil, sediment, and surface water for onsite trespassers. The first pathway was residential inhalation suggested an excess lifetime cancer risk of 3×10^{-6} for inhalation of dust particles and 2×10^{-6} for inhalation of VOCs or a cumulative estimated risk of 1×10^{-5} . The second exposure pathway is incidental ingestion of contaminated soil, sediment, and surface water. The maximum estimated risk for this exposure route was 9×10^{-6} for incidental ingestion of sediment by child trespassers. The risk associated with these pathways is an acceptable risk under the NCP (10^{-7} to 10^{-4}).

Human health risks associated with aquatic sediment, wetland soil, and surface water ingestion were reassessed based on data collected from locations downgradient of the sludge lagoon during the Zone 1, OU2 RI field investigation. The reassessment did not increase significantly as a result of the reassessment. Carcinogenic risks for arsenic in wetland soil and for arsenic and dieldrin in aquatic sediment were high presented in the initial human health risk assessment, but still within EPA (1 $\times 10^{-6}$ to 1 $\times 10^{-4}$).

Tables 6 through 11 illustrate comparisons of initial (CH2M Hill) and reassessed hazard index and carcinogenic risk values.

TABLE 6

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMATES OF HAZARD INDEX
FOR INGESTION OF WETLAND SOIL
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Source	Highest Detected Concentration (CH2M HILL) (µg/kg)	Highest Detected Concentration (CDM) (µg/kg)
Antimony	0.0004	IRIS	5,800	5,800
Barium	0.05	IRIS	57,300	57,300
Benzonic acid	4	IRIS	210	210
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.02	IRIS	590	590

Butyl benzyl phthalate	0.2	HEAST	200
Cadmium	0.001	IRIS	18,700
Chlordane	0.00006	IRIS	102
Chlorobenzene	0.021	SPHEM	52
Chromium VI	0.005	IRIS	153,000
Copper	0.037	SPHEM	33,400
DDT	0.0005	IRIS	44
Dibutyl phthalate	0.1	IRIS	650
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.09	IRIS	970
Diethyl phthalate	0.1	IRIS	150
Ethylbenzene	0.1	IRIS	9

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TABLE 6 (Cont.)

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMATES OF HAZ
FOR INGESTION OF WETLAND SOIL
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Sourceb	Highest Detected Concentration (CH2M HILL) (µg/kg)	Highest Down Conc (
Lead	0.0014	IRIS	122,000	
Manganese	0.1	IRIS	121,000	
4-Methylphenol	0.5d	IRIS	70	
Silver	0.005	IRIS	4,300	
Toluene	0.2	IRIS	250	

Vanadium	0.009	IRIS	18,700
Xylenes	2	IRIS	4
Zinc	0.2	HEAST	124,000

a Exposure Assumptions

Exposure Setting	Trespass
Exposure Individual	Child
Soil Intake (grams/day)	0.1
Body Weight (kilograms)	35

b Sources of RfDs:

IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
 SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986b).
 HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

c ND = Not Detected

d RFD currently withdrawn pending review (USEPA 1992).

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TABLE 7

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMA

RISKS

FOR INGESTION OF WETLA

RI/FS Zone 1, O

Robin AFB, Georgia

Lifetime Cancer Risk Chemical (CH2MHILL)	(CDM)	USEPA	Carcinogenic	Sourceb
		Carcinogen Classification	Potency Factor (kg-day/mg)	
Arsenic x 10 ⁻⁶		A	1.75	HEAST
Benzo(b)fluoranthene x 10 ⁻⁷		B2	11.5	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate 8 x 10 ⁻⁹		B2	0.014	IRIS
Chlordane 10 ⁻⁸		B2	1.3	IRIS

DDT	B2	0.34	IRIS
10-10			

1,4-Dichlorobenzene	B2	0.024	HEAST
1 x 10-9			

a Exposure Assumptions

Exposure Setting	Trespass
Exposure Individual	Child
Daily Soil Intake (grams/day)	0.1
Body Weight (kilograms)	35
Number of days/week exposed	2
Number weeks/year expose	16
Number of years exposed	10
Lifetime Average Soil intake (grams/kg body wt./day)	0.000036

b Sources of Cancer Potency

IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
 SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986b).
 HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

c Based on benzo(a)pyrene.

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TABLE 8

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMATES OF HAZARD IN
 FOR AQUATIC SEDIMENT INGESTION
 RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
 Robins AFB, Georgia

Hazard Index Chemical (CDM)	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Sourceb	Highest Detected Concentration (CH2M HILL) (æg/kg)	D
Aldrin		0.00003	IRIS	6.50
Antimony		0.0004	IRIS	19,300
Arsenic		0.0003	IRIS	27,200
Barium		0.05	IRIS	190,000
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene		0.004c	HEAST	1,060

0.0000108

Beryllium	0.005	IRIS	1,800
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.02	IRIS	2,790
Bromodichloromethane	0.02	IRIS	20.0
2-Butanone	0.05	IRIS	290
Butyl benzyl phthalate	0.2	HEAST	640
Cadmium	0.001	IRIS	21,000
Carbon disulfide	0.1	IRIS	4.90
Chlordane	0.00006	IRIS	180
Chlorobenzene	0.02	IRIS	380
Chloroform	0.01	IRIS	64.0
Chromium VI	0.005	IRIS	230,000

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TABLE 8 (Cont.)

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMATES OF HAZARD IN
FOR AQUATIC SEDIMENT INGESTION
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Hazard Index Chemical (CDM)	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Sourceb	Highest D Concentr (CH2M HI (µg/kg
Copper 0.01	0.037	SPHEM	97
DDT 0.0006	0.0005	IRIS	
Dibutyl phthalate	0.1	IRIS	930

1,1-Dichloroethene	0.009	IRIS	270
Dieldrin	0.00005	IRIS	880
Diethyl phthalate	0.1	IRIS	750
Ethylbenzene	0.1	IRIS	130
0.00000009			
Lead	0.0014d	SPHEM	226,00
0.8			
Manganese	0.1	SPHEM	696,00
0.0000046			
Mercury (alkyl and inorganic)	0.0003	IRIS	1,940
0.01			
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	0.05d	IRIS	7.00
4-Methylphenol	0.5d	IRIS	46.0
Naphthalene	0.004	HEAST	650
0.0013			
Nickel	0.02	c	20,900
Pyrene	0.03	HEAST	5,100
0.0003			
Silver	0.005	IRIS	34,000

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TABLE 8 (Cont.)

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMAT
FOR AQUATIC SEDIMENT INGE
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgi

Hazard Index	Reference	Highest D
Chemical	Dose (RfD)	Concentr
HILL)	(mg/kg/day)	(CH2M HI
(CDM)	Sourceb	(æg/kg

Tetrachloroethene 0.00002	0.01	IRIS	33.0
Toluene 0.0000015	0.2	IRIS	1,
Vanadium 0.000023	0.009	IRIS	79,
Xylenes 0.00000005	2	IRIS	
Zinc 0.01	0.2	HEAST	449,

a Exposure Assumptions

Exposure Setting	Trespass
Exposure Individual	Child
Soil Intake (grams/day)	0.1
Body Weight (kilograms)	35

b Sources of RfDs:

IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
 SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986b).
 HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

c Nickel value base on nickel-soluble salts.

d RfD currently withdrawn pending review (USEPA 1992a).

e Value is a proxy toxicity value based upon naphthalene.

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TABLE 9

COMPARISON OF CARCINOGENIC RISKS FOR AQUATIC

INGESTION

CALCULATED BY CH2M HILL AND CD
 RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
 Robins AFB, Georgia

Lifetime	Excess Lifetime		
Risk	Cancer Risk	USEPA	Carcinogenic

HILL)	(CDM)	Carcinogen	Potency Factor	
Chemical		Classification	(kg-day/mg)	Sourceb
Aldrin		B2	17.0	IRIS
5.1 x 10 ⁻⁷				
Arsenic		A	1.75	HEAST
4.3 x 10 ⁻⁶				
Benzene		A	0.029	IRIS
5.6 x 10 ⁻¹¹				
Benzo(a)anthracene		B2	11.5	c
8.2 x 10 ⁻⁷				
Benzo(b)fluoranthene		B2	11.5	c
8.2 x 10 ⁻⁷				
Benzo(k)fluoranthene		B2	11.5	c
8.25 x 10 ⁻⁷				
Benzo(a)pyrene		B2	11.5	SPHEM
10 ⁻⁸ 9.5 x 10 ⁻⁷				
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate		B2	0.014	IRIS
10 ⁻⁹ 8 x 10 ⁻⁹				
Bromodichloromethane		B2	0.130	HEAST
10 ⁻¹¹ -				
Chlordane		B2	1.30	IRIS
1 x 10 ⁻⁹				
Chloroform		B2	0.0061	IRIS
6.5 x 10 ⁻¹³				
Chloromethane		C	0.013d	HEAST
10 ⁻¹¹ -				
Chrysene		C	11.5	c
8.7 x 10 ⁻⁷				
DDD		B2	0.240	IRIS
4.6 x 10 ⁻⁹				
DDE		B2	0.340	IRIS
x 10 ⁻⁸				
DDT		B2	0.340	IRIS
1.3 x 10 ⁻⁹				
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene		B2	11.5	c

1,4-Dichlorobenzene	B2	0.024	HEAST
10-10 4.6 x 10-10			

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TABLE 9 (Cont.)

COMPARISON OF CARCINOGENIC RISKS FOR AQUATIC

INGESTION

CALCULATED BY CH2M HILL AND
RI/FS Zone 1, OU 2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Lifetime Risk	Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk	USEPA Carcinogen Classification	Carcinogenic Potency Factor (kg-day/mg)	Source
HILL) Chemical	(CDM)			Sourceb
1,1-Dichloroethane -		C	0.0914	HEAST
Dieldrin 1.6 x 10-6		B2	16.0	IRIS
Indeno(1,2,3 cd)pyrene 4.5 x 10-7		B2	11.5	-
Tetrachloroethene 10-11 1.4 x 10-11		B2	0.051d	SPHEM
Trichloroethene 8.7 x 10-11		B2	0.011d	IRIS

a Exposure Assumptions

Exposure Individual	Child
Exposure Setting	Trespass
Daily Soil Intake (grams/day)	0.1
Body Weight (kilograms)	35
Number of days/week exposed	2
Number weeks/year exposed	16
Number of years exposed	10
Lifetime Average Soil Intake (grams/kg body wt./day)	0.000036

b Sources of Cancer Potency Factors:

IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
 SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986d).
 HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

c Based on benzo(a)pyrene.

d RfD currently withdrawn pending review (USEPA 1992).

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TABLE 10

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIMA
 FOR INGESTION OF SURFACE
 RI/FS Zone 1, OU
 Robins AFB, Georg

Chemical (CDM)	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Source ^b	Maximum Concentration (CH2M HILL) (µg/kg)
Antimony	0.0004	IRIS	72.8
Arsenic	0.0003	IRIS	12
Barium	0.05	IRIS	1,360
Beryllium	0.005	IRIS	3.8
Bromodichloromethane	0.02	IRIS	3
2-Butanone	0.05	IRIS	11
Cadmium	0.001	IRIS	128
Chlorobenzene	0.02	SPHEM	5
Chloroform	0.01	IRIS	11
Chromium VI	0.005	IRIS	1,390
Copper	0.037	SPHEM	856
Cyanide	0.02	c	67.1
Lead	0.0014 ^c	SPHEM	1,400

Manganese	0.1	IRIS	2,700
Mercury (alkyl and inorganic)	0.0003	IRIS	14

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TABLE 10 (Cont.)

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIM

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FOR INGESTION OF SURFAC
RI/FS Zone 1, O
Robins AFB, Geo

Index	Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day)	Source ^b	Maximum Concentration (CH2M HILL)
			(µg/kg)
Chemical			
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	0.05	IRIS	4
Nickel	0.02	d	97.6
Pyrene	0.03	HEAST	12
Selenium	0.005	IRIS	5.7
Silver	0.005	IRIS	239
Toluene	0.3	IRIS	5
Vanadium	0.009	IRIS	203
Zinc	0.2	HEAST	5,070

a Exposure Assumptions

Exposure Setting	Trespass
Exposure Individual	Child
Water Intake (liters/day)	0.05
Body Weight (kilograms)	35

b Sources of RfDs:

IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986b).
HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

- c Cyanide value based on free cyanide.
- d Nickel value based on nickel-soluble salts.
- e RfD currently withdrawn pending review, (USEPA 1992a).

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TABLE 11

COMPARISON OF CH2M HILL AND CDM ESTIM

RISKS

FOR INGESTION OF SURF
RI/FS Zone 1, OU
Robins AFB, Georg

Cancer Risk (CDM)	USEPA Carcinogen Classification	Carcinogenic Potency Factor (kg-day/mg)	Sourceb	Max Maximum Concentrati (CH2M HILL (æg/L)
Chemical				
Arsenic	A	1.75	HEAST	12
Benzene	A	0.029	IRIS	5
Bromodichloromethane	B2	0.13	HEAST	3
10-8 Chloroform	B2	0.0061	IRIS	11
Trichloroethene	B2	0.011c	IRIS	7

- a Exposure Assumptions
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Esposure Setting | Trespass |
| Daily Water Intake (liters/day) | 0.05 |
| Body Weight (kilograms) | 35 |
| Number of days/week exposed | 2 |
| Number weeks/year exposed | 16 |
| Number of years exposed | 10 |
| Lifetime Average Water Intake | 0.00002
(liters/kg body wt./day) |
- b Sources of Cancer Potency Factors:
- IRIS - Integrated Risk Information System USEPA (1992a).
 - SPHEM - Superfund Public Health Evaluation Manual USEPA (1986b).
 - HEAST - Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables - USEPA (1992b).

c Carcinogenic Potency Factor currently withdrawn pending review (USEPA 19

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6.2 ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

This Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) used several different approaches to assess potential risk to ecological receptors from contaminants attributable to the Lagoon adjacent sludge lagoon. Media-specific concentrations of chemicals were measured in 10 samples collected at appropriate reference, upgradient, and downgradient locations. In addition, ecological and toxicological approaches were used to assess site potential impacts from chemical contamination. These ecological and toxicological approaches included macroinvertebrate sampling, a USEPA Rapid Bioassay Protocol (RBA) III evaluation, surface water and sediment toxicity tests, fish and macroinvertebrate a Wetland Evaluation Technique (WET) assessment, and a breeding bird survey.

6.2.1 AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM

Table 12 summarizes estimated surface water and sediment exposure point concentrations for aquatic receptors along with Ambient Water Quality Criteria (AWQC), sediment quality values, and no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) or lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) dietary concentrations for higher trophic level species that are sensitive to chemicals. For chemicals not considered to be aquatic sediment COCs, mean and maximum sediment values are presented.

A review of Table 12 indicates that the greatest potential risk for aquatic life is from direct contact with metals via sediment and surface water. In particular, mercury, silver, and zinc exceed both surface water criteria and sediment

addition, mercury and zinc are ubiquitous, occurring in nearly every aquatic sample, while cadmium, lead, and silver occur primarily in pond sediments. water, higher concentrations, including all exceedences of AWQC, consistent wetland area approximately 800 ft. northeast of the landfill and southwest study area. No exceedences of AWQC were detected in any permanent water body study area. For aquatic sediment and wetland soil, the distribution of metals pattern similar to surface water. Higher concentrations, including most elements

Table 12

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RISK CHARACTERIZATION
RI/FS ZONE 1,
Robins AFB, Georgia

Reference		Potentially		
Contaminated	Dietary	Surface	AWQCb	Aquatic
		Waterb	Acute/Chronic	Sedimen
		(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/kg)
Concentration Chemical (mg/kg)				
ORGANICS				
Benzo(a)pyrene		NCf	NA8/NA	1.16
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate 25 (LOEL, starling)		0.089	0.940/0.003c	16(6.2
4,4'DDD (LOAEL, black duck)		NC	NA/NA	0.048
4,4'DDE (LOAEL, black duck)		NC	1.05/NA	0.049
Dieldrin 0.16/0.5 (NOAEL, rat/		0.00008	0.0025/0.0000019	ND
INORGANICS				
Cadmium		0.023	0.039/0.011	20(14)

(NOAEL, sheep)

Chromium	0.067	1.70/0.210(III) 0.016/0.011(IV)	220(50)
Lead (LOAEL, American	0.18	82/0.0032	360(85)
Mercury 0.55 (NOAEL, mallard	0.0005	0.0024/0.000012	1.19
Silver	0.044	0.0041/0.00012	61(3)
Zinc (NOAEL, rat)	0.54	0.047/NA	856

a Estimated media concentrations are taken from Table 6-6 (surface water) of OU2 RI.

b Ambient Water Quality Criteria for protection of aquatic life. Source: Water, Office of Regulations and Standards, EPA/440/5-86-001.

c Source: Washington State Administrative Code 1991. Department of Ecology Sediment Management Standards; Adopted March 27, 1991, effective April 27, 1991.

d Estimated aquatic plant and prey concentrations are based on data collected from P2, P3, S7, S8, and S13. See Sect. 6.3.3 of OU2 RI for discussion regarding selected values.

e Values taken from Table R1.

f NC=Not Calculated for indicated media.

g NA=Not Available.

h ND=Not Detected.

i Not a sediment COC. For reference, maximum downgradient value provided in parentheses.

j Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1990. The Potential Sediment-Sorbed Contaminants Tested in the National Status and Trends Program, NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS OMA 52.

sediment toxicity values, consistently occur in the wetland area northeast southwest of the ponds. In addition, the ponds appear to be accumulating

The organics appear to present a minimal risk in surface water and sediment. Benzo(a)pyrene is not a COC for surface water and the estimated aquatic sediment point concentration is close to the sediment toxicity value. The estimate concentration for bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate exceeds the chronic AWQC by a magnitude, but the maximum sediment concentration is half the toxicity value.

water and sediment concentrations for the pesticides are quite low and are present a significant risk via direct ingestion or contact.

A comparison of the contaminated prey (fish) data and the NOAEL and LOAEL concentrations for sensitive piscivorous predators indicates that, with the mercury, none of the COCs appear to be accumulating enough to cause a dire. However, mercury bioaccumulates rapidly in aquatic environments.

6.2.2 TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEM

Table 13 presents estimated exposure point concentrations for wetland soil contaminated vegetation and prey along with LOAEL or NOAEL dietary concentration species at high trophic levels. A review of the estimated exposure point wetland soil indicates that direct ingestion of wetland soil may pose a risk concentration of DDT and dieldrin. Although wetland soil would not be ingested as food, soil ingestion may be significant for burrowing animals or a wild boar, which spends a considerable amount of time digging in the soil. Dieldrin appears to be ubiquitous in wetland soil, occurring in most wetland

Consumption of contaminated prey may pose a risk due to potential levels of mercury in prey species. However, the risks associated with cadmium are much less significant than those associated with mercury. Mercury has a high bioaccumulate and to biomagnify, and the biomagnification of mercury can reach upper trophic level predators.

TABLE 13
TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEM RISK CHARACTERIZATION
RI/FS ZONE 1, OU2
Robins AFB, Georgia

Chemical	Wetland Soils (mg/kg)	Potentially Contaminated Vegetation ^b (mg/kg)
ORGANICS		
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.90	ND
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ^c	ND ^f	9.5
4,4'-DDD	0.87	ND
4,4'-DDE	0.28	ND
4,4'-DDT	7.36	ND
Dieldrin	0.53	ND
INORGANICS		
Arsenic	24.77	ND
Cadmium ^d	ND ^c	1.5
Mercury	0.34	0.04
Selenium	9.69	ND
Zinc	84.79	27.7

ND = Not Detected

NC = Not Calculated

a These values are potential exposure point concentrations shown on Table

b Represents the maximum concentration detected in vegetation from co-located (6-10 or OU2 RI).

c Calculation of these values is discussed in Section 6.3.4 of OU2 RI.

d Values taken from Table 6-10 of OU2 RI.

e Although this chemical was not selected as a soil and sediment COC, it was not detected in terrestrial vegetation.

f Chemical was not detected in the soil samples that were co-located with

6.2.3 ERA CONCLUSIONS

The ERA concluded that for ecological receptors, the risks are low or contain small areas (i.e., the ponds and drainage ditches), and indicated that severe impacts may be affecting the wetlands downgradient of Zone 1. These factors include

sources of contamination and various AFB management activities that influence the regime in the wetlands. The ERA also concluded that the wetlands associated with the site provide an important habitat for a variety of wetlands plants and animals. Since the ecological risks are low or are confined to relatively small areas, the wetlands should be given a high priority when evaluating remedial alternatives.

The selected interim remedy (Alternative 2, Limited Action) includes the following:

- Institutional controls (i.e., fence construction to restrict access to the site, future site access and water-use restrictions).

- Comprehensive monitoring for a minimum of one year not to exceed the support of physical/chemical and ecological/biological monitoring plans developed to monitor stabilization of the site following redirection of the landfill and diversion of industrial wastewater discharge from the landfill and wetlands, so that a final remedial action can be determined based on current and expected future conditions.

- Development of a contingency plan that describes containment measures to be implemented in the event that predetermined "trigger values" are exceeded.

7.0 DESCRIPTIONS OF ALTERNATIVES

The following is a summary of the alternatives evaluated for the wetlands Zone 1, OU2. Specific details were developed to allow order-of-magnitude comparisons.

7.1 ALTERNATIVE 1 - NO ACTION

No monitoring, institutional controls, remedial or treatment actions will be implemented.

7.2 ALTERNATIVE 2 - LIMITED ACTION

The Limited Action alternative consists of institutional controls (i.e., fence construction to restrict access, posting signs) for future site access and water use restrictions. It also includes a defined time frame in support of physical/chemical and ecological/biological monitoring plans to be developed and implemented as the remedial design for the Action. It also includes development of a contingency plan that describes containment measures to be implemented in the event that predetermined "trigger values" set in the monitoring plans are exceeded. The monitoring plans will define analysis (contaminants of concern, physical parameters, etc.) and establish a schedule for monitoring.

media to be sampled (soil, sediment, water, fish, vegetation, etc.), sample schedule, and hydrological input and output points in the wetlands to be mapped, elevation and chemistry.

7.3 ALTERNATIVE 3 - SURFACE WATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND RECIRCULATION

Alternative 3 includes collection of surface water, treatment of the water for inorganic contaminants of concern, recirculation of the treated water back into the wetlands, and monitoring as described under the limited action alternative.

7.4 ALTERNATIVE 4 - DREDGING/DEWATERING AND SOLIDIFICATION OF AQUATIC SEDIMENTS, WITH ONSITE DISPOSAL

Alternative 4 would require dredging/dewatering and solidification of approximately 171,295 cubic yards of aquatic sediment, onsite disposal, and monitoring as described under the limited action alternative. Dewatered solids would be stockpiled and treated with lime for solidification/fixation. Final disposal would be in a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) cell constructed on base in a designated area for this purpose.

7.5 ALTERNATIVE 5 - DREDGING/DEWATERING AND OFFSITE DISPOSAL OF AQUATIC SEDIMENTS.

Alternative 5 would require dredging/dewatering of approximately 171,295 cubic yards of aquatic sediments and loading and transporting it to an offsite RCRA-permitted landfill.

A remedial design for any of the monitoring or treatment alternatives may require additional field investigation to further delineate the area to be addressed by remedial action and characterize source areas not included under OUI.

8.0 SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

The wetlands associated with OU2 are currently providing important habitat species. Results for the ecological risk assessment show that viable and of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife are currently using the habitats in Zo

It should be noted that designing and implementing an action while the wet (due to redirection of runoff and diversion of industrial waste discharge) or efficient. Any design or implementation can be better performed when t a steady state hydrology or water balance.

8.1 OVERALL PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Alternative 1 would not rapidly eliminate exposure pathways. However, ove attenuation may reduce the concentrations of contaminants to below remedia especially once the sources of contamination are controlled. Alternative Alternative 1 except that institutional controls associated with Alternati minimize potential direct exposure to hazardous substances. In addition, program associated with Alternative 2 would monitor stabilization of the s redirection of runoff discharge and diversion of industrial wastewater dis upgradient of the landfill and wetlands so that a final Remedial Action ca the current and expected future conditions. Alternative 3 would remove CO drainage ditch, ponds, and surface water at the collection points, but oth discharges to Horse Creek would not be controlled. Alternative 4 would re contaminated sediment affecting aquatic organisms, but would also eliminat benthic organisms and the habitat which are not easily replaced. In addit resuspend contaminated sediments which may cause contaminants to enter the

chain. Alternative 5 provides an overall protectiveness similar to that p

Alternative 4, but would also eliminate risks associated with the fixation of metals from fixed solids (Alternative 4). Finally, an effective implem Alternatives 3, 4 or 5 may not be possible until after the wetlands reach hydrology or water balance.

8.2 COMPLIANCE WITH ARARs

Chemical-, location-, and action-specific ARARs which potentially apply to presented in the OU2 FS. The Wetlands Management Executive Order, Executi 11990, Protection of Wetlands (40 CFR 6.302) is also applicable. However, CERCLA 121(d)(4) and NCP 300.430(f)(1)(ii)(C)(1), compliance with ARARs is because the selected action is an interim remedy; that is, the selected re part of a total remedial action that will attain ARARs.

8.3 LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS AND PERMANENCE

Because the interim action is not designed or expected to be final, and is remedial action can be developed from the current and expected future cond comparison of alternatives in terms of long-term effectiveness and permane relevant.

8.4 REDUCTION OF MOBILITY TOXICITY OR VOLUME (M/T/V) THROUGH TREATMENT

Alternative 1 and 2 would not decrease M/T/V, however, toxicity and volume reduced through natural attenuation if contaminant concentrations decrease

Alternative 3 would provide a net decrease in offsite migration of contaminants. Alternative 4 eliminates mobility and toxicity of contaminants through treatment since solidification/stabilization is required, volume may increase. Alternative 5 eliminates mobility and toxicity of contaminants through offsite disposal.

8.5 SHORT-TERM EFFECTIVENESS

Alternatives 1 and 2 pose minimal short-term risks to onsite workers. Alternative 3 construction activities may disturb sediments and results in the release of contaminants to Horse Creek.

The limiting factor in processing time for dredging activities and operation of Alternative 4 and 5 will be dewatering. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would require approximately two years for implementation. Technical considerations for Alternative 3 include control of sediment spreading during dredging, treatability testing, and design of a RCRA cell. Technical considerations for Alternative 4 include sediment spreading during dredging, obtaining permits and manifests for off-site facility accepting waste.

8.6 IMPLEMENTABILITY

Alternatives 1 and 2 could be implemented immediately. Development and implementation of a comprehensive monitoring plan and the use of institutional controls, for Alternative 2. Alternative 2 will allow for monitoring the stabilization following redirection of runoff discharge and diversion of industrial wastewater that a final remedial action can be developed from the current and expected conditions. Alternative 3 could be implemented in approximately two years and would include system design, pilot-scale studies, disposal of biological sludge and used

Alternatives 4 and 5, the limiting factor in processing time would be dewatering. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would require approximately two years for implementation. Technical considerations for Alternative 4 include control of sediment spreading, treatability testing and location and design of a RCRA cell. Technical considerations for Alternative 5 include control of sediment spreading during obtaining permits and manifests for offsite disposal and facility acceptance. As an interim remedy, Alternatives 3, 4 or 5 are less feasible than Alternative 2 required to implement them and because implementation may not be effective while the water balance in the wetlands is changing.

8.7 COST

The cost for Alternative 2 is estimated to be significantly less than Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 (See Table 14). It should be noted that estimated costs for Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 exceed NOAA screening values. Costs could potentially be reduced pending further study of the area to be addressed by remediation during the remedial design.

8.8 AGENCY ACCEPTANCE

The U.S. EPA and GEPD have accepted Alternative 2 as an interim remedy (contingent upon public acceptance).

8.9 COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE

Based on comments made by citizens at the public meeting held on September 15, 1993, the community is supportive of the selected interim remedy for the wetlands.

(institutional controls and monitoring). One citizen did recommend that A (surface water collection, treatment, and recirculation) be selected for O even through sediment contamination would not be changed significantly, tr and returning it will not do more damage to the wetlands.

Table 14: Wetlands Alternatives
Robins AFB, Georgia

	Estimated Capital Cost	Estimated Annual O&M Cost	Estimate Present Cost
1. No Action	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$
2. Limited Action: Institutional Controls and Monitoring	225,000	67,550	889
3. Surface water collection treatment, and recirculation	1,818,375	672,933	7,35
4. Dredging/dewatering and solidification of aquatic sediments with onsite disposal	23,382,316	184,081	24,86
5. Dredging/dewatering and offsite disposal of aquatic sediments	54,223,219	43,900	54,41

9.0 SELECTED REMEDY

Based upon consideration of the requirements of CERCLA, the detailed analy alternatives, and public comments, Robins AFB in consultation with U.S. EP has determined that the most appropriate interim remedy for the wetlands a OU2 is Alternative 2.

The interim remedy for OU2 Impact on Wetlands includes:

Institutional controls (i.e., fence construction to restrict access future site access and water use restrictions.

Comprehensive monitoring for a minimum of one year not to exceed the support of physical/chemical and ecological/biological monitoring plan developed to monitor stabilization of the site following redirection around the landfill and diversion of industrial wastewater discharge of the landfill and wetlands so that a final remedial action can be current and expected future conditions.

Development of a contingency plan that describes containment measures implemented in the event that predetermined "trigger values" set in plan are exceeded.

A remedial design for the monitoring alternative may require additional funding to further delineate the area to be addressed by remediation, and/or define a source areas not included under OUTF.

The estimated cost of the selected interim remedy is presented in Table 15

Table 15: Selected Interim Remedy Cost Estimate

Estimated Capital Cost:	\$225,000
Estimated Annual O&M Cost:	\$ 67,550
Estimated Total Present Worth Cost:	\$889,011

9.1 REMEDIATION GOALS

The specific objectives of the selected interim remedy are to:

1. Protect existing habitat.
2. Minimize the potential direct and indirect exposure of the public to hazardous substances.
3. Monitor the stabilization of the site following redirection of runoff around the landfill and diversion of industrial wastewater discharge upgradient of the landfill and wetlands, so that a final remedial plan developed from the current and expected future conditions.

10.0 STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS

Under its legal authorities, the EPA's primary responsibility at Superfund undertake remedial actions that achieve adequate protection of human health and the environment. In addition, Section 121 of CERCLA establishes several other requirements and preferences. These specify that when complete, the selected action for this site must comply with applicable or relevant and appropriate standards established under Federal and State environmental laws unless a lesser standard is justified. The selected remedy also must be cost-effective and utilize the best and alternative treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies to the extent practicable. Finally, the statute includes a preference for remedial actions that permanently and significantly reduce the volume, toxicity, and quantity of hazardous wastes as their principal element. The following sections discuss how the selected remedy meets these statutory requirements.

As the lead Agency, the Air Force is required to comply with CERCLA 120, (42 U.S.C. 9612), and Order 12580 of January 23, 1987, and EPA is to determine that they are consistent with CERCLA 120.

10.1 PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The selected interim remedy protects human health and the environment through 1) the implementation of institutional controls (i.e., fence construction, posting signs) for future land use restrictions and 2) the development and implementation of a comprehensive monitoring program to monitor stabilization of the site following redirection of industrial wastewater discharge, so that a final remedy can be developed from the current and expected future conditions. Further protection of human health and the environment is provided through the development of a continuous monitoring program.

describes containment measures to be implemented in the event that predete values" set in the monitoring plan are exceeded.

This interim action does not employ a remedy that permanently and significant toxicity, mobility, or volume of the contaminants because the interim action is or expected to be final. More specifically, designing and implementing a remedy while the wetlands are changing may not be effective or efficient. Any pe implementation can be better performed when the wetlands reach a steady state water balance.

10.2 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE OR RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS

ARARs for this limited scope action (described in the OU2 FS), and including Management Executive Order, Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands (40 CFR 6.302) have been waived pursuant to CERCLA 121(d)(4) and NCP 300.430(f)(1)(ii)(C)(1), because the selected interim action is only part of an action that will attain ARARs.

10.3 COST EFFECTIVENESS

The selected interim remedy for the wetlands associated with OU2 has been selected to provide overall effectiveness proportional to its cost, and provides a reasonable return on money. The total present worth cost is \$889,011. The cost/effectiveness of Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 do not compare to Alternative 2, because as indicated, designing and implementing an action while the wetlands are changing may not be effective or efficient.

10.4 UTILIZATION OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE
TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES (OR RESOURCE RECOVERY
TECHNOLOGIES) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE

The selected action is interim and is not designed or expected to be final
interim remedy represents the best balance of tradeoffs among alternatives
pertinent criteria, given the limited scope of action.

10.5 PREFERENCE FOR TREATMENT AS A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT

The statutory preference for remedies that employ treatment as a principal
addressed in the final decision document for OU2.

10.6 DOCUMENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant changes from the proposed plan were made.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

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1.0 OVERVIEW

Robins AFB along with the U.S. EPA and GEPD held a public meeting on Septe
1993 at the Warner Robins City Hall to discuss the results of the RI/FS fo
proposed interim plan for OU2, and solicit comments and questions from the

the comments received during the public comment period (August 10, 1993 to 1993) were received during the public meeting, however, several were not d
OU2.

2.0 BACKGROUND ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

An active community relations program providing information and soliciting conducted by Robins AFB for Zone 1. Interviews of citizens on base and in were conducted in the summer of 1990 to identify community concerns. No s concerns that required focused response were identified. Regular informat updates have been provided to the public through television programs, the newspaper, The Rev-Up, the Warner Robins Daily Sun, and the Macon Telegrap Report, a weekly 15-minute television program produced by the Office of Pu provided routine progress updates. This program is aired Sunday mornings in Macon, Georgia. It also is telecast on Cox Cable and Watson Communicat which are available to Robins AFB and Warner Robins residents. Weekly inf articles have appeared in The Rev-Up newspaper. In addition, NPL site and have been prepared and made available in the Environmental Information Rep in the Nola Brantley Memorial Library in Warner Robins.

3.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND AGENCY RESPONSE

Comments and questions raised during the public meeting held on September summarized below. No other comments or questions were received during the comment period.

1. A concerned citizen asked why a cost associated with an alternative (A

Limited Action) was listed as 0 dollars on one slide and 520,000 dollars on the other slide. She did not understand the difference between the two.

Robins AFB Response: When the proposed plan was originally submitted, the dollar cost was omitted. The second slide was included to clarify that the cost was associated with the alternative. It should be noted that cost figures are not present as an exact cost estimate of each alternative, but rather to serve as a comparison between one alternative to another. Because the omission was made in each alternative, a consistent comparison was made.

2. A concerned citizen asked if Alternative 2 (Limited Action) has been selected as an Operable Unit (OU2).

Robins AFB Response: The proposed plan (Alternative 2) is the benchmark. The reason Alternative 2 was selected was to allow further characterization of significant changes in water flow had occurred. Rather than making measurements, knowing what the water balance is going to be, Alternative 2 allows us to potentially identify significant changes to the water balance.

3. The same concerned citizen asked for an update on the status of Operable Unit 2. She understood that the alternative selected for the stabilization of the swamp was working and wanted to know what would happen if the solidification process did not work.

Robins AFB Response: Solidification is the alternative for stabilization. The evaluation for solidification of the sludges was solely a demonstration. The demonstration was to demonstrate a particular technology. It was not meant as a permanent remedy. That particular technology did not work, but it is not the only technology. Since then, we have contracted five contractors to evaluate their technologies. We have reduced the list to three contractors. We have evaluated their proposals, studied pilot-scale studies for the past year and will soon announce which of the contractors will do the work. All of the studies from the three remaining contractors indicate that the technologies worked in their bench- and pilot- scale studies.

4. The same concerned citizen commented that her group's research indicated that all of the solidification processes were experimental to an extent and did not represent long-term solutions, and requested that another alternative be chosen. The commentor also requested that alternative number 3 (surface water collection, treatment, and recirculation) be chosen for OU2, because public hearings indicate there are significant amounts of pollution coming from all surrounding areas, and it would not cause any damage to start treating the water in the swamp. Finally, the commentor expressed concern that the interim remedy would not address bioaccumulation. She indicated that DDT is one of the contaminants out of the waste dump and stated that a link exists between bald eagle and breast cancer in women and DDT, and that arsenic and lead never dis-

appear in the food chain. She expressed concern over people eating fish that have bioaccumulated pollutants in the Ocmulgee River and that pollution from the pipeline is putting an even greater strain on the river and its

Robins AFB Response: Your concern is appreciated. All appropriate altern studied.

EPA Response: The wetland area is a very diverse bio-environment. The pl landfill into the wetlands are fairly well-defined, and because they are f the migration rate known, we would be looking at some other kind of action were occurring. However, approximately 70% of the inflow is not going int anymore, so the environment is changing. The concern with conducting a re this point, is that more damage than good will be done because we don't kn terms of the changing water level and its effect on the wetlands.

5. A concerned citizen commented on the previous commentor's statements. that the speaker made some rather sweeping assertions that she should document because the press was present and they would pick up on her a being true and certain, which would be a disservice to the effort bein commentor stated that the previous commentor's assertions should be re belief as to what is happening and not as a matter of fact. The previ responded that she did not believe she had made any assertions and wou her convictions.

Robins AFB Response: No response was made.

6. A concerned citizen asked for a review of the status of OU1 including frame for completion. The commentor stated his understanding of the s was that the Air Force would be proceeding with the remediation of the correcting the problem from the landfill. The concern then is what th process does to water flow in the wetlands, so the plan is to select a provides for intensive monitoring. The commentor also stated his unde process has been in progress for about ten years and an agreement betw Georgia Department of Resources and the Air Force has been made to try the process.

Robins AFB Response: The alternative selected for OU2 is an Interim Plan. final action. The final actton will be determined after additional monito obtained and evaluated. The ultimate completion of the cycle (OUT source projected for 1998. Solidification studies will be completed and evaluate proceedings will then be initiated. A construction contract could be let quarter of 1997. The lagoon will be solidified first and the material pla A new cap will then be placed on the landfill. The cost will probably be 100 million dollars for the whole cycle (source control)

7. The same concerned citizen asked if the Air Force was in a position to the remedial action if something was not working.

Robins AFB Response: The Air Force in conjunction with the regulatory aut required to review the remediation effort every five years and make sure t actions taken are effective. This process is required by the regulatory a

8. A concerned citizen expressed concern about trichloroethylene and meth levels in the lagoon, a chemical to treat fire ants in the swamp area,

materials buried in the swamps and wetlands and their effect on the amount of lead levels where a pipeline was constructed on a Mr. Robinson's property that he would like to bring three individuals who could point out area hazards he discussed exist.

Robins AFB Response: The comment period is open through September 29. Written comments may be submitted to the address provided on the handout received. For more information, contact the public affairs office at Robins AFB.